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Jason Helgeson  
Medicaid Director & Deputy Commissioner  
Office of Health Insurance Programs  
New York State Department of Health  
Corning Tower, Room 1441  
Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12237

Dear Mr. Helgeson:

We have completed our review of New York's State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted 11-06, Tribal Consultation, and find it acceptable for incorporation into the State's Medicaid Plan, effective April 1, 2011. This SPA allows New York to establish a formal Tribal consultation process that consist of holding a meeting with Tribes, Tribal health programs, operated under P.L. 111-5 section 5006, and urban Indian health programs were given the opportunity to provide input in the development of this SPA, as detailed on pages 9 to 9-1. These pages have been replaced under Appendix I of the State Plan Amendment.

We would like to thank Sarah Atkinson and other staff members who were involved in the discussions and the formal responses that enabled CMS to process this SPA. If you have any other questions, please contact Vennetta Harrison at 212-616-2214.

Sincerely,

/s/

John Guhl  
Acting Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health

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